

# Deep Sand Theory Given Credence

## Torrance Herald



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# Pave Carson St. To L. B. Boulevard

## 20 Torrance Men Urge Improvement At District Feast

Association Will Unite Communities For Benefit Of Great District Between City And Port

### W. H. GILBERT TALKS ABOUT TORRANCE

Delegation From Here Unanimous In Pressing Demand For Main East-West Highway Through Torrance

"Pave Carson street through to Long Beach boulevard."

This was the message given to the Los Angeles to the Harbor association Wednesday night by a delegation of 20 Torrance citizens who attended the association banquet at the old Western Avenue Golf club.

W. H. Gilbert, who is a member of the board of directors of the association, spoke, telling the association of the civic aims of Torrance and stressing the fact that Western avenue will soon be paved through from the mountains to the sea.

Everyone present was asked to fill out a blank specifying improvements for the harbor district. Every Torrance man present recommended the improvement of Carson street.

Speakers at the banquet emphasized the importance of co-operation among all the various cities and communities of the harbor territory. The large amount of money from bond issues that is being spent in the north-

ern part of the county and the small amount going into harbor district improvements was pointed out. It is to advertise the area tributary to the harbor and to unite the whole district in demands for improvements that the association was formed.

An advertising fund of \$16,000 will be raised to tell the world about the advantages of this end of the county. Of this amount \$10,000 already has been raised.

The following Torrance men attended the banquet, constituting the largest individual delegation present:

W. H. Gilbert, George Neill, Brian K. Welch, J. W. McDowell, J. C. Smith, Harry Gadeky, Harry Roberts, H. A. Treadwell, Grover C. Whyte, Sam Levy, Joe Stone, Fred Hansen, Charles LeBoeuf, Paul Morse, J. B. Hines, J. J. Jessup, W. R. Page, Donald Findley, C. A. Paxman.

Mr. Morse and Mr. LeBoeuf represented Keystone. Mr. Morse addressed the meeting on behalf of his community.

## WILL EXPLAIN FLOOD BONDS HERE TUESDAY

Chief Engineer Reagan Will Speak At C. of C. Office

J. W. Reagan, chief engineer of the flood control district, will explain the proposed flood control plan to Torrance citizens next Tuesday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce office. Directors of the chamber, Torrance realtors, business men, and any other citizens interested are requested to be present.

Voters in the county on May 6 will vote on bonds for \$35,300,000 for flood control.

## Edison Band Much Enjoyed At Forum

An excellent program of band music was enjoyed by about fifty Torrance citizens Tuesday night at Legion hall, when the 35-piece band of the Southern California Edison company played at the meeting of the Open Forum. Considerable disappointment was expressed at the meagre attendance. Those present were high in their praises of the band.

### FOR TAXPAYERS

The deputy assessor will be at the office of J. U. Hemmi, Rappaport building at Susana and Cabrillo avenues, Friday evening, April 25, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

### QUARANTINE NOTICE

George Taylor, deputy game and fire warden, was at his home here Thursday, for the first time in three weeks.

In charge of a quarantine squad stationed in the Newhall district, Mr. Taylor warns the residents of this section that attempts to get through to Elizabeth lake or Hughes lake will be useless unless one has urgent business there. The fact that one has a cabin at either place is not deemed to be urgent business.

All roads leading from the Mint Canyon highway, the ridge route, and from Antelope valley into the mountains are closely guarded by men working in twelve-hour shifts.

Under Los Angeles county ordinance No. 1081, new series, fishing in any stream or lake is prohibited.

## KETTLER NO. 2 DEEP TEST IS RE-CEMENTED

Cores From 4000 Feet Bolster Deep Sand Theory

Operators are more convinced than ever that a productive oil sand exists at levels below those from which production is now being obtained.

This conviction is based on the log of the Shell Oil company's Kettler No. 2, which, though it made water when the cement was drilled through at 3936 feet, has produced cores from close to the 4000-foot level that looked unusually promising.

It was the promising aspect of these cores that prompted the Shell company, after drilling to 3936 feet, to bridge back and cement 6 1/2-inch casing at 3936 feet, in hopes of shutting off the water that lies in this particular territory, at around 3900 feet.

When the cement was drilled through last week, the well was 100 per cent wet. This indicated either that the cement job was too high or that it was incomplete. To establish which is the case Shell has re-cemented at the same depth.

The tests being made by the Shell on this well are of untold importance to the field. Once the bottom of the water stratum is definitely located, a real test of the sands existing below will be possible.

The Shell test has done this much: it has established that there is oil below the water. Now it is evident that the Shell is determined to ascertain, by as many tests as are necessary, at just what level casing should be landed to shut off the second water zone.

### LADIES' AID DINNER

Friday evening of next week, May 2, the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church are giving one of their splendid 50-cent dinners in the church building, service beginning at 5 o'clock and continuing until 7. Come out and see for yourself what a fine dinner these ladies serve.

### ANOTHER CARD PARTY

A card party will be given in Catholic hall Monday evening, April 28. Play starts at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Louis Smith, hostess, promises a good time and delicious eats. There will be six prizes and a door prize.

## Observations

The President's International Program—The Life Of Thaw—Pershing As Vice-President—The Uniform

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

A "composed state of mind in Europe," to be brought about by the adoption of the Dawes recommendations—and then a conference on limitation of armaments and the codifying of international law.

This is the program announced by President Coolidge in his address before members of the Associated Press at New York.

The program as outlined by the Executive seems certain to take form. France and Germany have just about concluded to adopt the Dawes plan.

Premier MacDonald of Great Britain already has expressed a readiness to join in another world conference on limitations.

If the invitation is sent out by the United States and accepted by Great Britain, not another nation in the world will refuse to join the negotiations.

As the President said, frankly and truly, "It is undoubtedly too much to suppose that we hold very much of the affectionate regard of other nations. At the same time we do hold their respect."

That "respect" of which he speaks makes us the leader among the nations of the Earth. If we make use of that leadership to promote world peace and if we are joined without reservations by Great Britain, the former world conference was almost a fiasco. Great Britain succeeded in keeping Singapore outside the zone in which it was agreed that no new fortifications would be built. But Ramsay MacDonald cancelled the plans for the fortification of that strategic port, gateway to the Orient.

In a new disarmament conference, with MacDonald as British premier, we may confidently expect that the British delegates will have nothing like the Singapore scheme up their diplomatic sleeves.

Charles Evans Hughes represented the United States at the former world conference.

At the next conference it is to be hoped that the United States will be represented by a man more capable or more zealous in guarding American interests.

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SANE again. For the third time Larry K. Thaw, horrible example of riches in the wrong hands, has been declared mentally competent. In the long battle for freedom, he has been seven times judged insane. It took a fortune and the ablest lawyers in the country to save him from the electric chair by securing a verdict of insanity. It has taken another fortune to have him pronounced sane again.

Money robbed the executioner of a victim, tearing Thaw from the hands of the law and turning him over to the keepers of an insane asylum. Money again has taken him from the asylum and given him freedom, at least pending an appeal. Had Thaw been unable to finance his long fight for freedom, he would have died years ago at the hands of the law.

And now, even if this sanity verdict prevails, what will freedom mean to him? He will find it empty, awful, devoid of interest. Until his eyes close in peaceful death he will be shunned, an outcast, incarcerated behind the cold, gray walls erected by outraged society.

Youthful lust, too much money, a beautiful woman, insane jealousy, a gun, a murder, his own life and that of his old mother ruined. The story of this man's career constitutes the century's most horrible tragedy.

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THERE is some talk of nominating Gen. John J. Pershing as running mate for Calvin Coolidge. Pershing is an able executive. He proved that in France. He is a great general. He established that as leader of the successful A. E. F. He is an honorable man. His unblemished record in the United States army clinches that.

He is an astute diplomat. In his many negotiations with other allied commanders overseas, he made an international reputation as a successful negotiator.

The usual argument against military men in public office is based on the contention that their training to command deprives them of ability to compromise, and that the business of government is 75 per cent compromise.

Few who have studied Pershing's career will admit that he has any reputation as a compromiser. In France, through conference after conference he stuck to his point for the formation of an American army, winning finally over the united demand of the allies that we sprinkle the American forces among French and British regiments. He steadfastly refused to allow the American army to be served by the French service of supplies. That he saw into the future more clearly than his fellow-commanders was eventually substantiated by the performance of the First American army at Saint Mihiel and the Argonne.

Pershing is a great general, an able executive, a shrewd diplomat—but somehow we cannot picture him presiding over the United States Senate. The talk would drive him crazy.

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DURING the war the uniform of the army, navy and marine corps elicited wholesome respect from the civilian population. Since the war the man who wears the khaki or blue is regarded with little respect or respect. The patriotic ardor has cooled.

The fleet is back in the harbor. The naval and marine uniforms are again common sights on Southern California streets.

The men who wear those uniforms constitute our first line of defense in case of emergency.

Respect the uniform. Honor the men who wear it. Don't for a minute think that those "gobs" and "leathernecks" fail to note the public apathy toward the uniform. As Kipling said, "You bet that Tommy sees."

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SENATOR BORAH led the attack against the so-called bonus bill. Is the gentleman from Idaho, who formerly battled so valiantly against "the interests," angling for the vice-presidency? Watch and see, folks, watch and see.

## J. U. HEMMI STANDS TRIAL IN L. A. ON STOLEN GOODS CHARGE

Charged with receiving stolen goods in connection with the robbery of the Anaheim postoffice, J. U. Hemmi, Torrance attorney, is on trial in Los Angeles. Chief of Police Anderson is one of the witnesses in the case.

Hemmi was originally charged with participation in the robbery, but this charge was withdrawn. The Torrance attorney denies that he received money knowing it to be part of the loot from the postoffice.

## Large Operators Launch Intensive Drilling Program

Standard Oil Company Leads List With Locations Ready For Sixteen New Wells In East And West

### C. C. M. O. SURVEYS FOR THIRD TIER

Attention Of Industry Centers On Five Wildcats Drilling On East, Southwest South And North Sides

From Redondo to Harbor boulevard, the larger operators in the seven-mile-long oil field here have launched another intensive drilling program, in which 63 new locations have been staked out during the past ten days.

The magnitude of the operations of the big companies and their determination to get the oil and get it "now" is evidenced by the following table, showing the number of new wells to be drilled at once:

| Name of Company                      | Number of Wells |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Shell Oil company                    | 15              |
| Superior Oil company                 | 11              |
| Standard Oil company                 | 16              |
| Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company | 9               |
| Other companies                      | 12              |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>63</b>       |

In several cases the new locations surveyed by the companies indicate intention to drill up leases completely without further delay.

### Shell's Program Big

With two new wells on the Bleumle lease, old Redondo road, near Normandie, the Shell company will soon have five drilling wells on this lease. Shell has gone in on the Scarborough lease, in the same neighborhood, with six locations, intending, apparently, to drain the lease without delay. The company has four new locations going in on the March lease and three more on its Kettler holdings. The new Kettler wells, bringing the total for this lease up to 15, are located on the south boundary of the property, just north of Standard's Kettler No. 1. So apparently Standard's had luck with this well is not considered conclusive proof that the territory is on the edge.

As interesting as any developments in the field are Standard's operations on the Marble lease, where seven second tier wells are going up south of the first line. Two new locations on the Marble fee property are off-sets to Chanslor-Canfield's new rigs across the old Redondo road.

### Seven for New Lease

On the east side Standard has gone in on the Joughlin lease, recently purchased from the Sentinel Oil company, with seven new locations, which will be drilled as rapidly as rigged up. The big company has three new locations on the Dominguez lease, all off-sets.

That the Superior Oil company believes thoroughly in the commercial production far to the east, near Consolidated Mutual's Oakley No. 1, is evidenced by the four new Keck locations along the eastern line of his lease, which touches Consolidated Mutual holdings. In addition to these, Keck has staked out locations for seven new rigs on his company's

Joughlin holdings, which flank Standard's new Joughlin lease on two sides.

### C. C. M. O. Third Tier

With all the first tier wells along the old Redondo road on production and all second line wells nearing the oil sands, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company has set stakes for six third line rigs on the Torrance lease, rated as the most valuable property in the entire field. In addition to these the company has located two more first line wells along the old Redondo road, to complete its southern tier, and is building a rig for Del Amo No. 15 to offset the Fullerton Oil company's Cotton No. 2. Fullerton will spend in its second well before its first is on production. The Fullerton property is just west of Standard's Marble fee holdings.

Numerous other companies have added new rigs during the past few days, some of them off-sets, and others merely proofs of operators' need of crude oil. Pan American is drilling its community lease on the east side completely, having just built derricks for Stano No. 1 and House No. 1, opposite Milley's Joughlin lease, near Normandie avenue and the old Redondo road.

E. J. Milley has staked out a location for his ninth well.

Sentinel has completed the survey for Joughlin No. 8.

### Watch Wildcats

In the meantime five wildcats, now being drilled on three sides of the field, command attention. Production from any one of them will extend operations over vast acreage. Shell is making hole rapidly on Dolores No. 1, east of Harbor boulevard; Chanslor-Canfield is drilling Francis No. 1, on Western avenue; Standard is down 2900 feet with Weston No. 1, in west of Lomita, and Standard and the C. C. M. O. are both below 3000 feet with Ellinwood No. 1 and Del Amo No. 14, respectively, "way out west" on the old Redondo road.

## F. C. CARLSON WINS SEWER FARM CASE, BUT CITY'S RIGHT TO USE LAND IS NOT AFFECTED, BELIEF

The right of the city of Torrance to use the sewer farm for disposal purposes is not affected by the decision rendered in court Wednesday against the Dominguez Land corporation, City Attorney Briney believes.

The court has not yet handed down a written decision, so the status of each party in the suit is not yet definitely set forth.

In a verbal decision the court ruled in favor of F. C. Carlson, holding the assignment of the property to him by the California Chemical company to be legal. The Dominguez corporation contended at the trial that the assignment was not binding.

The case will be appealed. Despite the ruling of the court, it is considered certain that the city's right

to use of the property for sewer farm purposes will be recognized in the written opinion, and that the provisions of the city's agreement with the Dominguez Land corporation will eventually be carried out. Under this agreement the city will receive fee title to 4 1/2 acres, in return to a quit-claim deed, to be in force as soon as the property is no longer needed for sewer farm purposes.

### BAKED FOOD SALE

A baked food sale will be held at the Fess grocery on Sartori avenue Saturday by the ladies of the Christian church of Torrance. Sale begins at 10:30 a. m.